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Objection Deadline: Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. (prevailing ET)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

| IN RE: | Chapter 11 |
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GENESIS GLOBAL HOLDCO, LLC, et al., 1

Debtors.

Case No. 23-10063 (SHL)

(Jointly Administered)

SECOND MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AS TAX ADVISORS TO THE DEBTORS FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

| Name of Applicant: | Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton") |
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| Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: | Debtors |
| Date of Order Approving Debtors' Payment of Fees and Expenses of Applicant: | May 8, 2023 (nunc pro tunc to April 4, 2023) [ECF No. 299] |
| Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought: | September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 |
| Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary | \$6,592.00 (80% = \$5,273.60) |
| Less 20% Holdback: | \$1,318.40 |
| Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary: | \$938.00 |
| Total Compensation (80%) and Expenses (100%) Requested: | \$6,211.60 |
| This is a(n): X monthly interim application | final application |

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's tax identification number (or equivalent identifier), are: Genesis Global Holdco, LLC (8219); Genesis Global Capital, LLC (8564); and Genesis Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. (2164R). For the purpose of these chapter 11 cases, the service address for the Debtors is 250 Park Avenue South, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10003.

In accordance with sections 330 and 331 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York, and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [ECF No. 101] ("Interim Compensation Order"), dated February 24, 2023, Grant Thornton hereby submits this *Second Monthly Fee Statement of Grant Thornton LLP as Tax Advisors to the Debtors for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period September 1, 2023 Through September 30, 2023 (this "Second Fee Statement")*, seeking compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred as tax advisors to the Debtors for the period September 1, 2023 through and including September 30, 2023 (the "Second Monthly Fee Period").

By this Second Fee Statement, Grant Thornton seeks payment in the amount of \$6,211.60, which comprises (a) 80% of the total amount (\$6,592.00) of compensation sought for actual and necessary services rendered during the Second Monthly Fee Period and (b) reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$938.00, which comprises 100% of actual and necessary expenses incurred in accordance with such services.

<u>ITEMIZATION OF SERVICES RENDERED BY GRANT THORNTON</u>

1. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a schedule of Grant Thornton professionals, including the standard hourly rate for each professional who rendered services to the Debtors in connection with these chapter 11 cases during the Second Monthly Fee Period and the title, hourly rate, aggregate hours worked, and the amount of fees earned by each professional. As reflected in **Exhibit A**, Grant Thornton professionals billed a total of 8.5 hours and incurred \$6,592.00 in fees

during the Second Monthly Fee Period. The blended hourly billing rate of the professionals for all services provided during the Second Monthly Fee Period is \$775.53.

- 2. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a schedule of the number of hours expended and fees incurred (on an aggregate basis) by Grant Thornton professionals during the Second Monthly Fee Period with respect to each of the project categories Grant Thornton established in accordance with its internal billing procedures.
- 3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** are the time records of Grant Thornton for the Second Monthly Fee Period organized chronologically with a daily time log describing the time spent by each professional.
- 4. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a chart of necessary and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Grant Thornton in the amount of \$938.00 in connection with providing professional services during the Second Fee Period and seeking compensation for such services in these bankruptcy cases. Such expenses include, without limitation, Grant Thornton's reasonable legal expenses for counsel, time, and expenses associated with administering the engagement and bankruptcy court appearances. **Exhibit D** includes the invoices and supporting time records for Grant Thornton's outside legal counsel that constitute the reasonable and necessary actual, documented out-of-pocket costs, fees, disbursements, and other charges incurred by Grant Thornton in connection with utilizing such external legal counsel to assist it in administering its engagement in these bankruptcy cases.

NOTICE

5. The Debtors will provide notice of this Second Fee Statement in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order. Grant Thornton submits that no other or further notice be given.

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6. Objections to this Second Fee Statement, if any, must be filed with the Court and served in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Interim Compensation Order.

WHEREFORE, Grant Thornton, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors during the Second Monthly Fee Period, respectfully requests compensation in the aggregate amount of \$6,211.60, which comprises (a) 80% of the total amount (\$6,592.00) of compensation sought for actual and necessary services rendered during the Second Monthly Fee Period, and (b) reimbursement in the amount of \$938.00, which comprises 100% of actual and necessary expenses incurred in accordance with such services.

Dated: October 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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EXHIBIT A

SUMMARY OF HOURLY SERVICES BY PROFESSIONAL

(For Second Monthly Fee Period September 1-30, 2023)

| | FIRST | | TOTAL | BILLING | |
|------------|---------|------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------|
| LAST NAME | NAME | TITLE | TIME | RATE | Total Compensation |
| Angstadt * | Brian | Partner | 2.9 | \$980.00 | \$2,842.00 |
| Dodson | Jeffrey | Manager | 2.6 | \$750.00 | \$1,950.00 |
| Steinberg | Daniel | Senior Associate | 3.0 | \$600.00 | \$1,800.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 8.5 | | \$6,592.00 |

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^{*} Grant Thornton's standard hourly tax rates were increased in August 2023 in the normal course of business, but Grant Thornton did not apply those customary rate increases to professionals working on matters in these cases. One professional, Mr. Brian Angstadt, was promoted to Partner effective August 1, 2023, and as such, the hourly rate charged on and after August 1, 2023 for his time was reflective of this new position, which is the agreed upon rate for that level for this engagement.

EXHIBIT B

SUMMARY OF HOURS & COMPENSATION PER PROJECT CATEGORY

| Project Category | Category Descriptions | Total | Total | |
|---------------------------|---|-------|--------------|--|
| | | Hours | Compensation | |
| Tax Bankruptcy Consulting | This category includes activities associated with assisting the management of the Debtors with assessing the tax consequences of its chapter 11 cases | 8.5 | \$6,592.00 | |
| TOTAL | | 8.5 | \$6,592.00 | |

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EXHIBIT C

DETAILED TIME RECORDS

| Name | Title | Date of | Hours | Hourly | Total | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------|----------|--------------|--|
| | | Service | | Rate | Compensation | |
| Steinberg, Daniel | Senior Associate | 9/20/2023 | 0.50 | \$600.00 | \$300.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss proposed transaction |
| Dodson, Jeffrey C | Manager | 9/20/2023 | 0.50 | \$750.00 | \$375.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss proposed transaction |
| Angstadt, Brian | Partner | 9/20/2023 | 0.50 | \$980.00 | \$490.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss proposed transaction |
| Dodson, Jeffrey C | Manager | 9/27/2023 | 2.10 | \$750.00 | \$1,575.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss deal structure and tax analysis regarding potential settlement |
| Steinberg, Daniel | Senior Associate | 9/27/2023 | 2.50 | \$600.00 | \$1,500.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss deal structure and tax analysis regarding potential settlement |
| Angstadt, Brian | Partner | 9/27/2023 | 2.20 | \$980.00 | \$2,156.00 | External call w GT (B. Angstadt, J. Dodson, D. Steinberg), Genesis (A. Chan and D. Horowitz), Cleary (W. McRae and D. Schaefer), and EY (E. Sapir and E. Harvey) to discuss deal structure and tax analysis regarding potential settlement |
| Angstadt, Brian | Partner | 9/29/2023 | 0.20 | \$980.00 | \$196.00 | External discussion with Company (Alice Chan) regarding next steps |

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EXHIBIT D

SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES AND SUPPORTING INVOICES

| CATEGORY | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| External Legal Counsel | |
| (See Attached Supporting Invoices) | \$938.00 |
| | |
| TOTAL | \$938.00 |

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| | Balance | e due upon recei _l | pt | | | \$938.00 |
| | | | Timekeeper Summary | | | |
| Name | | Initials | Title | Hours | Rate | Amount |
| Kelly K. Frazi | er | KKF | Of Counsel | 1.40 | \$670.00 | \$938.00 |